Personally, I learned from Alvin Sykes. I admire Alvin Sykes. I mourn his passing. I pay tribute to him today and thank God that he created Alvin Sykes.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION LEGISLA-TIVE ACTIVITIES REPORT

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for the legislative activities report of the Committee on Rules and Administration during the 116th Congress be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY DURING THE 116TH CONGRESS

#### FOREWORD

This report reviewing the legislative activity during the 116th Congress of the Committee on Rules and Administration is submitted pursuant to paragraph 8(b) of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate. Paragraph 8 provides that standing committees of the Senate shall review and study, on a continuing basis, the application, administration, and execution of those laws, or parts thereof, the subject matter of which is within their jurisdiction, and submit to the Senate, not later than March 31 of each oddnumbered year, a report detailing the activities of that committee for the preceding Congress. The text of paragraph 8(b) of rule XXVI is as follows:

8.(b) In each odd-numbered year, each such committee shall submit, not later than March 31, to the Senate, a report on the activities of that committee under this paragraph during the Congress ending at noon on January 3 of such year.

AMY KLOBUCHAR, Chairwoman.

## JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The jurisdiction of the Committee on Rules and Administration is set forth in paragraph 1(n)(1) of rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. The following are excerpts from that paragraph.

### RULE XXV

### STANDING COMMITTEES

1. The following standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of each Congress, and shall continue and have the power to act until their successors are appointed, with leave to report by bill or other-

wise on matters within their respective jurisdictions:

(n)(1) Committee on Rules and Administration, to which committee shall be referred all proposed legislation, messages, petitions, memorials, and other matters relating to the following subjects:

- 1. Administration of the Senate Office Buildings and the Senate wing of the Capitol, including the assignment of office space.
- 2. Congressional organization relative to rules and procedures, and Senate rules and regulations, including floor and gallery rules
  - 3. Corrupt practices.
- 4. Credentials and qualifications of Members of the Senate, contested elections, and acceptance of incompatible offices.
- 5. Federal elections generally, including the election of the President, Vice President, and Members of the Congress.
- 6. Government Publishing Office, and the printing and correction of the Congressional Record, as well as those matters provided for under rule XI.
- 7. Meeting of the Congress and attendance of Members.
- 8. Payment of money out of the contingent fund of the Senate or creating a charge upon the same (except that any resolution relating to substantive matter within the jurisdiction of any other standing committee of the Senate shall be first referred to such committee)
- 9. Presidential succession.
- 10. Purchase of books and manuscripts and erection of monuments to the memory of individuals
- 11. Senate Library and statuary, art, and pictures in the Capitol and Senate Office Buildings.
- 12. Services to the Senate, including the Senate restaurant.
- 13. United States Capitol and congressional office buildings, the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Institution (and the incorporation of similar institutions), and the Botanic Gardens.
  - (2) Such committee shall also—

(A) make a continuing study of the organization and operation of the Congress of the United States and shall recommend improvements in such organization and operation with a view toward strengthening the Congress, simplifying its operations, improving its relationships with other branches of the United States Government, and enabling it better to meet its responsibilities under the Constitution of the United States; and

(B) identify any court proceeding or action which, in the opinion of the Committee, is of vital interest to the Congress as a constitutionally established institution of the Federal Government and call such proceeding or action to the attention of the Senate.

# \* \* \* \* \* \* RULES OF PROCEDURE

### MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

Rule 1. The regular meeting dates of the Committee shall be the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 301, Russell Senate Office Building. Additional meetings of the Committee may be called by the Chairman as he may deem necessary or pursuant to the provision of paragraph 3 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Rule 2. Meetings of the committee, including meetings to conduct hearings, shall be open to the public, except that a meeting or series of meetings by the committee on the same subject for a period of no more than 14 calendar days may be closed to the public on a motion made and seconded to go into

closed session to discuss only whether the matters enumerated in subparagraphs (a) through (f) would require the meeting to be closed followed immediately by a recorded vote in open session by a majority of the Members of the committee when it is determined that the matters to be discussed or the testimony to be taken at such meeting or meetings:

(a) will disclose matters necessary to be kept secret in the interests of national defense or the confidential conduct of the foreign relations of the United States;

(b) will relate solely to matters of the committee staff personnel or internal staff management or procedure;

(c) will tend to charge an individual with crime or misconduct, to disgrace or injure the professional standing of an individual, or otherwise to expose an individual to public contempt or obloquy, or will represent a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of an individual;

(d) will disclose the identity of any informer or law enforcement agent or will disclose any information relating to the investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense that is required to be kept secret in the interests of effective law enforcement:

(e) will disclose information relating to the trade secrets or financial or commercial information pertaining specifically to a given person if:

(1) an Act of Congress requires the information to be kept confidential by Government officers and employees; or

(2) the information has been obtained by the Government on a confidential basis, other than through an application by such person for a specific Government financial or other benefit, and is required to be kept secret in order to prevent undue injury to the competitive position of such person; or

(f) may divulge matters required to be kept confidential under the provisions of law or Government regulations. (Paragraph 5(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules.)

Rule 3. Written notices of committee meetings will normally be sent by the committee's staff director to all Members of the committee at least a week in advance. In addition, the committee staff will telephone or e-mail reminders of committee meetings to all Members of the committee or to the appropriate assistants in their offices.

Rule 4. A copy of the committee's intended agenda enumerating separate items of legislative business and committee business will normally be sent to all Members of the committee and released to the public at least 1 day in advance of all meetings. This does not preclude any Member of the committee from discussing appropriate non-agenda topics.

Rule 5. After the Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member, speaking order shall be based on order of arrival, alternating between Majority and Minority Members, unless otherwise directed by the Chairman.

Rule 6. Any witness who is to appear before the committee in any hearing shall file with the clerk of the committee at least 3 business days before the date of his or her appearance, a written statement of his or her proposed testimony and an executive summary thereof, in such form as the chairman may direct, unless the Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member waive such requirement for good cause.

Rule 7. In general, testimony will be restricted to 5 minutes for each witness. The time may be extended by the Chairman, upon the Chair's own direction or at the request of a Member. Each round of questions by Members will also be limited to 5 minutes.

#### $_{\rm QUORUMS}$

Rule 8. Pursuant to paragraph 7(a)(1) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules, a majority

of the Members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the reporting of legislative measures.

Rule 9. Pursuant to paragraph 7(a)(1) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules, one-third of the Members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, including action on amendments to measures prior to voting to report the measure to the Senate.

Rule 10. Pursuant to paragraph 7(a)(2) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules, 2 Members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony under oath and 1 Member of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony not under oath; provided, however, that in either instance, once a quorum is established, any one Member can continue to take such testimony.

Rule 11. Under no circumstances may proxies be considered for the establishment of a quorum.

#### VOTING

Rule 12. Voting in the committee on any issue will normally be by voice vote.

Rule 13. If a third of the Members present so demand a roll call vote instead of a voice vote, a record vote will be taken on any question by roll call.

Rule 14. The results of roll call votes taken in any meeting upon any measure, or any amendment thereto, shall be stated in the committee report on that measure unless previously announced by the committee, and such report or announcement shall include a tabulation of the votes cast in favor of and the votes cast in opposition to each such measure and amendment by each Member of the committee. (Paragraph 7(b) and (c) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules.)

Rule 15. Proxy voting shall be allowed on all measures and matters before the committee. However, the vote of the committee to report a measure or matter shall require the concurrence of a majority of the Members of the committee who are physically present at the time of the vote. Proxies will be allowed in such cases solely for the purpose of recording a Member's position on the question and then only in those instances when the absentee committee Member has been informed of the question and has affirmatively requested that he be recorded. (Paragraph 7(a)(3) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules.)

### AMENDMENTS

Rule 16. Provided at least five business days' notice of the agenda is given, and the text of the proposed bill or resolution has been made available at least five business calendar days in advance, it shall not be in order for the Committee to consider any amendment in the first degree proposed to any measure under consideration by the Committee unless such amendment has been delivered to the office of the Committee and by at least 5:00 p.m. the day prior to the scheduled start of the meeting and circulated to each of the offices by at least 6:00 p.m.

Rule 17. In the event the Chairman introduces a substitute amendment or a Chairman's mark, the requirements set forth in Rule 16 shall be considered waived unless such substitute amendment or Chairman's mark has been made available at least five business days in advance of the scheduled meeting.

Rule 18. It shall be in order, without prior notice, for a Member to offer a motion to strike a single section of any bill, resolution, or amendment under consideration.

Rule 19. This section of the rule may be waived by agreement of the Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Rule 20. The Chairman is authorized to sign himself or by delegation all necessary vouchers and routine papers for which the committee's approval is required and to decide on the committee's behalf all routine business.

Rule 21. The Chairman is authorized to engage commercial reporters for the preparation of transcripts of committee meetings and hearings.

Rule 22. The Chairman is authorized to issue, on behalf of the committee, regulations normally promulgated by the committee at the beginning of each session.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND BANKING MINORITY MEMBER.

Rule 23. The Chairman and Ranking Minority Member, acting jointly, are authorized to approve on behalf of the committee any rule or regulation for which the committee's approval is required, provided advance notice of their intention to do so is given to Members of the committee.

#### LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

#### \* passed Senate; + obviated

Bills and Resolutions Considered by the Senate

S. 959, a bill to establish in the Smithsonian Institution a comprehensive women's history museum, and for other purposes.

S. 5086, a bill to allow Senators, Senatorselect, committees of the Senate, leadership offices, and other offices of the Senate to share employees, and for other purposes.\*

- S. Con. Res. 6, a concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of a commemorative document in memory of the late President of the United States, George Herbert Walker Bush.\*
- S. Con. Res. 7, a concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of the 26th edition of the pocket version of the Constitution of the United States.\*
- S. Con. Res. 14, a concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I.\*
- S. Con. Res. 27, a concurrent resolution providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the House wing of the Capitol for the Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, late a Representative from the State of Maryland.\*
- S. Con. Res. 38, a concurrent resolution to establish the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies for the inauguration of the President-elect and Vice President-elect of the United States on January 20, 2021.\*
- S. Con. Res. 45, a concurrent resolution providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the crypt beneath the Rotunda of the Capitol in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the Supreme Court Building and the Capitol for the late honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.\*
- S.J. Res. 65, a joint resolution providing for the reappointment of John Fahey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Public Law No: 116-118
- S.J. Res. 66, a joint resolution providing for the appointment of Denise O'Leary as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Public Law No: 116-138.
- S.J. Res. 67, a joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Risa Lavizzo-Mourey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Public Law No: 116–119.

- S.J. Res. 72, a joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Michael M. Lynton as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.\*
- S.J. Res. 73, a joint resolution providing for the appointment of Franklin D. Raines as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.
- S. Res. 50, a resolution improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate.+
- S. Res. 86, a resolution providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library.\*
- S. Res. 87, a resolution authorizing the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate.\*
- S. Res. 200, a resolution authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Senate Chamber.\*
- S. Res. 428, a resolution authorizing the taking of pictures and filming in the Chamber of the Senate for use by the Capitol Visitor Center.\*
- S. Res. 446, a resolution authorizing the printing of tributes and other related materials in honor of the late Senator Janet Kay Hagan.\*
- S. Res. 619, a resolution to provide for the printing of the Senate Manual for the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress.\*
- S. Res. 801, a resolution authorizing the use of the atrium in the Philip A. Hart Senate Office Building for a piano performance by Senator Lamar Alexander.\*
- S. Res. 803, a resolution designating Room S-124 of the United States Capitol as the "U.S. Senator Margaret Chase Smith Room" and designating Room S-115 of the United States Capitol as the "U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski Room", in recognition of their service to the Senate and the people of the United States \*
- H.R. 1623, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for the treatment of payments for child care and other personal use services as an authorized campaign expenditure, and for other purposes.
- H.R. 1980, to establish in the Smithsonian Institution a comprehensive women's history museum, and for other purposes.
- H.R. 2420, to establish within the Smithsonian Institution the National Museum of the American Latino, and for other purposes.\*
- H.R. 2722, an Act to protect elections for public office by providing financial support and enhanced security for the infrastructure used to carry out such elections, and for other purposes.
- H.R. 4617, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify the obligation to report acts of foreign election influence and require implementation of compliance and reporting systems by Federal campaigns to detect and report such acts, and for other purposes.
- H.R. 4990, to direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the National Science Foundation to carry out research and other activities to promote the security and modernization of voting systems, and for other purposes.
- H. Con. Res. 10, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol to honor the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient of the Second World War upon death.
- H. Con. Res. 16, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition.\*
- H. Con. Res. 19, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.\*
- H. Con. Res. 31, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

- H. Con. Res. 44, directing the Joint Committee on the Library to revise the statue commemorating women's suffrage which is located in the rotunda of the United States Capitol, commonly known as the "Portrait Monument", by placing on the statue an inscription which is based on the original inscription which was on the statue when the statue was delivered to the United States Capitol in 1921, and for other purposes.
- H. Con. Res. 53, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for an event to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first African slaves to the territory that would become the United States.\*
- H. Con. Res. 57, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for an event to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first African slaves to the territory that would become the United States.\*
- H. Con. Res. 87, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.\*
- H. Con. Res. 90, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition.
- H. Con. Res. 91, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the Chinese-American veterans of World War II.\*
- H. Con. Res. 92, authorizing the printing of a revised and up-dated version of the House document entitled "Women in Congress, 1917–2006".\*
- H. Con. Res. 94, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to present the statue of Mary McLeod Bethune from the people of Florida for placement in National Statuary Hall.
- H. Con. Res. 96, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.
- H. Con. Res. 105, permitting the remains of the Honorable John Lewis, late a Representative from the State of Georgia, to lie in state in the rotunda of the Capitol.\*
- H. Con. Res. 106, directing the Architect of the Capitol to transfer the catafalque situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center to the rotunda of the Capitol for use in connection with services conducted for the Honorable John Lewis, late a Representative from the State of Georgia.\*
- Original Resolutions from the Committee
- S. Res. 70, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019, October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, and October 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021.\*

#### Resolutions Related to Committee Funding

- S. Res. 40, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance.+
- S. Res. 41, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works.+
- S. Res. 42, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services.+
- S. Res. 45, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.+
- S. Res. 46, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works.+
- S. Res. 47, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.+
- S. Res. 48, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.+
- S. Res. 49, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on

- Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.+
- S. Res. 51, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence.+
- S. Res. 52, a resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Indian Affairs.+
- S. Res. 54, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.+
- S. Res. 55, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.+
- S. Res. 56, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations.+
- S. Res. 57, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary.+
- S. Res. 58, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging.+
- S. Res. 60, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget.+
- S. Res. 62, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.+
- S. Res. 64, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.+ Bills and Resolutions Referred to Committee
  - S. 20, Presidential Tax Transparency Act
  - S. 26, Vote By Mail Act of 2019
  - S. 507, Save Voters Act
  - S. 547, CLEAR Act
  - S. 549, Voter Empowerment Act
  - S. 550, Register America to Vote Act
  - S. 621, PROVE Act
  - S. 624, Same Day Registration Act
  - S. 625, Students VOTE Act
- S. 728, a bill to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to obtain a statue of Shirley Chisholm for placement in the United States Capitol.
- S. 823, a bill to require information sharing with respect to the ownership of election service providers.
- S. 825, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require all states to take steps to ensure domestic ownership and control of election service providers, and for other purposes.
- S. 890, Senate Cybersecurity Protection Act.
- S. 942, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require all political committees to notify the Federal Election Commission within 48 hours of receiving cumulative contributions of \$1,000 or more from any contributor during a calendar year, and for other purposes.
- S. 955, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to reduce waiting times for voters in Federal elections.
- S. 956, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require the disclosure of all donations.
- S. 957, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to establish minimum requirements for early voting.
- S. 958, a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to save eligible voters from voter purging, and for other purposes.+
- S. 1147, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, Super PACs and other entities, and for other purposes.
- S. 1247, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require reporting to the Federal Election Commission and the Federal Bureau of Investigation of offers by foreign nationals to make prohibited contributions, donations, expenditures, or disbursements, and for other purposes.

- S. 1267, a bill to establish within the Smithsonian Institution the National Museum of the American Latino, and for other purposes.
- S. 1274, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act to provide for public financing for Federal elections through vouchers directed by eligible voters to the candidates of their choice.
- S. 1319, a bill to establish an Election Security grant program.
- S. 1356, a bill to enhance transparency and accountability for online political advertisements by requiring those who purchase and publish such ads to disclose information about the advertisements to the public, and for other purposes.
- S. 1397, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to provide for a national Federal write-in absentee ballot for domestic
- S. 1454, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to add a representative of the Department of Homeland Security from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency on the Technical Guidelines Development Committee.
- S. 1472, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require paper ballots and risk limiting audits in all Federal elections, and for other purposes.
- S. 1540, a bill to protect elections for public office by providing financial support and enhanced security for the infrastructure used to carry out such elections, and for other purposes.
- S. 1562, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify the obligation to report acts of foreign election influence and require implementation of compliance and reporting systems by Federal campaigns to detect and report such acts.
- S. 1566, a bill to require information and opportunities for registration for voting and absentee ballot requests for members of the Armed Forces who are undergoing deployment overseas, and for other purposes.
- S. 1569, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to allow certain expenditures for cybersecurity-related services or assistance.
- S. 1692, a bill to provide grants to support continuing education in election administration or cybersecurity for election officials and employees.
- S. 1962, a bill to prevent foreign adversaries from influencing elections by prohibiting foreign nationals from purchasing at any time a broadcast, cable, or satellite communication that mentions a clearly identified candidate for Federal office, and for other purposes.
- S. 2053, a bill to protect elections for public office by providing financial support and enhanced security for the infrastructure used to carry out such elections, and for other purposes
- S. 2232, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reduce the number of members of the Federal Election Commission from 6 to 5, to revise the method of selection and terms of service of members of the Commission, to distribute the powers of the Commission between the Chair and the remaining members, and for other purposes.
- S. 2238, a bill to protect elections for public office by providing financial support and enhanced security for the infrastructure used to carry out such elections, and for other purposes.
- S. 2242, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify the obligation to report acts of foreign election influence and require implementation of compliance and reporting systems by Presidential campaigns to detect and report such acts.

- S. 2398, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to ensure privacy with respect to voter information.
- S. 2509, a bill to rename the Office of Technology Assessment as the Congressional Office of Technology, to revise the functions and duties of the Office, and for other purposes.
- S. 2639, a bill to restore integrity to America's Election.
- S. 2656, a bill to disclose access to election infrastructure by foreign nationals.
- S. 2669, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify the obligation to report acts of foreign election influence and require implementation of compliance and reporting systems by Federal campaigns to detect and report such acts, and for other purposes.
- S. 2726, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for the treatment of payments for child care and other personal use services as an authorized campaign expenditure, and for other purposes.
- S. 2851, a bill to amend section 442 of title 18, United States Code, to exempt certain interests in mutual funds, unit investment trusts, employee benefit plans, and retirement plans from conflict of interest limitations for the Government Publishing Office.
- S. 3206, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to increase voting accessibility for individuals with disabilities and older individuals, and for other purposes.
- S. 3268, Determining Election Blunders and Correcting Logical Errors Act.
- S. 3340, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to support state and local governments making a transition to ranked choice voting.
- S. 3423, a bill to direct the Joint Committee on the Library, in accordance with section 1831 of the Revised Statutes, to accept a statue depicting Harriet Tubman from the Harriet Tubman Statue Commission of Maryland and display the statue in a prominent location in the Capitol.
- S. 3440, Resilient Elections During Quarantines and Natural Disasters Act of 2020.
- S. 3529, Natural Disaster and Emergency Ballot Act of 2020.
- S. 3725, a bill to expand vote by mail and early voting, and to improve the safety, accessibility, and efficiency of in-person voting during elections for Federal office.
- S. 3778, a bill to permit the Election Assistance Commission to waive the matching requirement for payments made to states for election security grants under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.
- S. 3822, a bill to establish DemocracyCorps to assist state and local governments administer elections and to promote democracy, to establish special procedures and authorize funding for Federal election in 2020 in response to COVID—19, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to establish additional permanent requirements for Federal elections, and for other purposes.
- S. 3845, a bill to end the practice of including more than one subject in a single bill by requiring that each bill enacted by Congress be limited to only one subject, and for other purposes.
- S. 3863, a bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to replace the bust of Roger Brooke Taney in the Old Supreme Court Chamber of the United States Capitol with a bust of Thurgood Marshall to be obtained by the Joint Committee on the Library, and for other purposes.
- S. 3879, a bill to preserve the constitutional authority of Congress and ensure accountability and transparency in legislation.
- S. 3950, a bill to establish a panel of constitutional experts to recommend to Con-

- gress an appropriate process for providing for the case of the death of a candidate in a contingent presidential or vice-presidential selection
- S. 3957, a bill to remove all statues of individuals who voluntarily served the Confederate States of America from display in the Capitol of the United States.
- S. 3961, a bill to require states and local jurisdictions to allow absentee voting in the November 2020 general election for Federal office for individuals impacted by coronavirus disease 2019, and for other purposes.
- S. 4033, a bill to require states to establish contingency plans for the conduct of elections for Federal office in response to national disasters and emergencies, and for other purposes.
- S. 4132, a bill to establish the Commission on the COVID—19 Pandemic in the United States
- S. 4146, a bill to require the Federal Election Commission to conduct a study on the classification of political campaign emails as spam.
- S. 4193, a bill to develop and nationally disseminate accurate, relevant, and accessible resources to promote understanding about African-American history.
- S. 4382, a bill to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to replace the bust of Roger Brooke Taney in the Old Supreme Court Chamber of the Capitol with a bust of Thurgood Marshall to be obtained by the Joint Committee on the Library and to remove certain statues from areas of the Capitol which are accessible to the public, to remove all statues of individuals who voluntarily served the Confederate States of America from display in the Capitol, and for other purposes.
- S. 4517, a bill to provide states additional time relating to the appointment of electors and for the meeting of electors for the 2020 election for President and Vice President.
- S. 4540, Poll Worker Recruitment Act of
- S. 4652, a bill to require the United States Postal Service to treat election mail as firstclass mail and deliver such mail at no cost to the sender, and for other purposes.
- S. 4668, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to ensure that voters in elections for Federal office do not wait in long lines in order to vote.
- S. 4707, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to provide Federal standards for mail-in ballots and reporting of election results with respect to elections for Federal office.
- S. 4710, a bill to obtain and direct the placement in the Capitol or on the Capitol Grounds of a monument to honor Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Ruth Bader Ginsburg.
- S. 4721, a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to increase the criminal penalties under such Act.
- S. 4893, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to provide for the establishment of election integrity measures by states and to prohibit ballot harvesting in Federal elections.
- S. 4895, a bill to establish a Bipartisan Advisory Committee to analyze the integrity and the administration of the 2020 general election for Federal office.
- S. 4925, a bill to provide for additional space and resources for the protection and preservation of national collections held by the Smithsonian Institution and the National Gallery of Art.
- S. 5028, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require each authorized committee or leadership PAC of a former candidate for election for Federal office to disburse all of the remaining funds of

- the committee or PAC after the election, and for other purposes.
- S. Con. Res. 8, a concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha
- S. Con. Res. 17, a concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the lying in state of the remains of the last Medal of Honor recipient of World War II, in order to honor the Greatest Generation and the more than 16,000,000 men and women who served in the Armed Forces of the United States from 1941 to 1945.
- S. Con. Res. 49, a concurrent resolution mandating procedures to ensure adequate precautions against COVID—19 in Senate buildings.
- S. Res. 18, a resolution authorizing the Senate Legal Counsel to represent the Senate in Texas v. United States No. 4:18—cv—00167—O (N.D. Tex.).
- S. Res. 80, a resolution establishing the John S. McCain III Human Rights Commis-
- S. Res. 97, a resolution establishing the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis.
- S. Res. 98, SFC Sean Cooley and SPC Christopher Horton Congressional Gold Star Family Fellowship Program Resolution.
- S. Res. 207, a resolution congratulating the Senate GLASS Caucus staff association for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Senate staff on the 15-year anniversary of the association.
- S. Res. 378, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the House of Representatives should, consistent with long-standing practice and precedent, prior to proceeding any further with its impeachment investigation into President Donald J. Trump, vote to open a formal impeachment inquiry and provide President Trump with fundamental constitutional protections.
- S. Res. 410, a resolution establishing a McCain-Mansfield Fellowship Program in the Senate.
- S. Res. 463, a resolution amending the Rules of Procedure and Practice in the Senate When Sitting on Impeachment Trials.
- S. Res. 467, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the House of Representatives should, consistent with its constitutional obligations, immediately transmit the 2 articles of impeachment against President Donald J. Trump passed by the House of Representatives on December 18, 2019, under House Resolution 755.
- S. Res. 501, a resolution amending the Rules of Procedure and Practice in the Senate When Sitting on Impeachment Trials to ensure adequate access to witnesses and documents in impeachment trials of a President or Vice President, and for other purposes.
- S. Res. 538, a resolution authorizing the use of the atrium in the Philip A. Hart Senate Office Building for the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, a semiannual event for the Drug Enforcement Administration.
- S. Res. 548, a resolution amending the Standing Rules of the Senate to enable the participation of absent Senators during a national crisis.
- S. Res. 551, a resolution providing that the salaries of Senators shall be held in escrow until the Senate has passed legislation that appropriately addresses the COVID—19 outbreak.
- S. Res. 604, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Senate should not vote on the nomination of Michael Pack to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States Agency for Global Media unless and until Michael Pack corrects his false statements to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Internal Revenue Service.

- S. Res. 605, a resolution providing for sufficient time for legislation to be read.
- S. Res. 725, a resolution establishing the Senate Human Rights Commission.
- S. Res. 158, a resolution authorizing the use of the atrium in the Philip A. Hart Senate Office Building for the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, a semiannual event of the Drug Enforcement Administra-

#### COMMITTEE HEARINGS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

December 3, 2020—Business Meeting: Members of the Federal Election Commission, S. 959, and H.R. 2420

November 18, 2020-Nomination Hearing: Nomination Hearing for Members of the Federal Election Commission

November 17, 2020—Committee Hearing: To Review S. 959, Smithsonian American Women's History Museum Act; and S. 1267, National Museum of the American Latino Act

July 22, 2020—Committee Hearing: 2020 General Election Preparations

June 30, 2020—Organizational Meeting: Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies

May 7, 2020—Business Meeting: Nomination of James E. Trainor

March 10, 2020-Nomination Hearing: Nomination Hearing for a Member of the Federal Election Commission

December 16, 2019—Business Meeting: Nomination of James Brett Blanton

December 12, 2019—Nomination Hearing: Nomination Hearing for the Architect of the Capitol

November 18, 2019—Business Meeting: Nomination of Hugh Nathanial Halpern, of Virginia, to be Director of the Government Publishing Office

November 14, 2019-Nomination Hearing: Nomination Hearing for Director of the Government Publishing Office

November 14, 2019—Committee Hearing: Annual Oversight Hearing of the Smithsonian Institution

November 7, 2019—Committee Hearing: Library of Congress Modernization Oversight

July 24, 2019-Committee Hearing: Oversight of the Government Publishing Office— Office of the Inspector General

May 15, 2019-Committee Hearing: Oversight of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission

April 30, 2019—Organizational Meeting: Joint Committee on the Library

March 27, 2019-Committee Hearing: Annual Oversight of the Smithsonian Institution

March 6, 2019—Committee Hearing: Annual Oversight of the Library of Congress

February 13, 2019—Business Meeting: Improving Procedures for the Consideration of Nominations in the Senate

### NOMINATIONS

PN2303 Sean J. Cooksey, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2021, vice Lee E. Goodman, term expired.

Latest Action: December 9, 2020-Confirmed by the Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 50-46.

Record Vote Number: 260.

PN2302 Shana M. Broussard, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2023. vice Ann Miller Ravel, term expired.

Latest Action: December 9, 2020—Confirmed by the Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 92-4. Record Vote Number: 259.

PN2237 Allen Dickerson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2025, vice Caroline C. Hunter, resigned.

Latest Action: December 9, 2020-Confirmed by the Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 49-47. Record Vote Number: 258.

PN1600 James E. Trainor III, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2023, vice Matthew S. Petersen, term expired.

Latest Action: May 19, 2020-Confirmed by the Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 49-43. Record Vote Number: 96.

PN1324 J. Brett Blanton, of Virginia, to be Architect of the Capitol for the term of ten years, vice Stephen T. Ayers.

Latest Action: December 19, 2019-Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

PN1245 Hugh Nathanial Halpern, of Virginia, to be Director of the Government Publishing Office, vice Davita Vance-Cooks.

Latest Action: December 4, 2019—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

PN198 Robert C. Tapella, of Virginia, to be Director of the Government Publishing Office, vice Davita Vance-Cooks.

Latest Action: June 24, 2019—Received message of withdrawal of nomination from the President.

PN197 James E. Trainor III, of Texas, to be a member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2023, vice Matthew S. Petersen, term expired.

Latest Action: January 3, 2020—Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

#### COMMITTEE PUBLICATIONS

- S. Prt. 116-8—Congressional Pictorial Directory
- S. Rept. 116-68-Review of Legislative Activity during the 115th Congress
- S. Pub. 116-4—The Congressional Directory S. Doc. 116-1-United States Senate Man-
- S. Doc. 116-6-Authority and Rules of Senate Committees, 2019-2020
- S. Doc. 116-21-Tributes Delivered in Congress: Lamar Alexander, United States Senator-2003-2021
- S. Doc. 116-22—Tributes Delivered in Congress: Michael B. Enzi. United States Senator-1997-2021
- S Doc 116-23-Tributes Delivered in Congress: Cory Gardner, United States Senator-2015-2021
- S. Doc. 116-24-Tributes Delivered in Congress: Johnny Isakson, United States Senator-2004-2019
- S. Doc. 116-25-Tributes Delivered in Congress: Doug Jones, United States Senator-2018-2021
- S. Doc. 116-26-Tributes Delivered in Congress: Martha McSally, United States Senator-2019-2020
- S. Doc. 116-27—Tributes Delivered in Congress: Pat Roberts, United States Senator-1997-2021
- S. Doc. 116-28-Tributes Delivered in Congress: Tom Udall, United States Senator-2009-2021

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

### POM158 Senate Rules and Administration (November 18, 2019)

A bill adopted by the Legislature of the State of Florida requesting the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to approve the replacement of the statute of Confederate General Edmund Kirby

Smith in the National Statuary Hall Collection with a statue of Mary McLeod Bethune; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

#### POM159 Senate Rules and Administration (November 18, 2019)

A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to impeachment protocols; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

### EC71 Senate Rules and Administration (January 10, 2019)

A communication from the Chair of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to eleven (11) legislative recommendations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

#### EC162 Senate Rules and Administration (January 24, 2019)

A communication from the Executive Director, Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, transmitting, pursuant to Section 201(b) of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 Reform Act, a report relative to amounts previously paid with public funds in connection with violations of sections 201(a) or 207 of the Congressional Accountability Act, received in the office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

#### EC323 Senate Rules and Administration (February 13, 2019)

A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2018: to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

#### EC344 Senate Rules and Administration (February 25, 2019)

A communication from the Executive Director, Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, transmitting, pursuant to Section 201(b) of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 Reform Act, a biennial report entitled "Recommendations for Improvements to the Congressional Accountability Act" received in the office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

#### EC529 Senate Aging and other committees . . . (March 7, 2019)

A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Final Sequestration Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2019"; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources: Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance: Foreign Relations: Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Indian Affairs: Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans' Affairs.

#### EC703 Senate Aging and other committees . . . (March 27, 2019)

A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting. pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Sequestration Preview Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2020"; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans' Affairs.

EC704 Senate Aging and other committees

### . . (March 27, 2019)

A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Report to the Congress on the Joint Committee Reductions for Fiscal Year 2020"; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans' Affairs.

## EC778 Senate Rules and Administration (March 27, 2019)

A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report from the Attorney General to Congress relative to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

## EC2598 Senate Rules and Administration (September 17, 2019)

A communication from the Chair, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its budget request for fiscal year 2021; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

## EC3278 Senate Rules and Administration (November 20, 2019)

A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)" (RIN0790-A127) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2019; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

## EC3870 Senate Rules and Administration (February 3, 2020)

A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Report on Fiscal Year 2019 Competitive Sourcing Efforts as required by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

# EC3871 Senate Appropriations and other committees . . . (February 3, 2020)

A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report from the Attorney General to Congress relative to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act; to the Committees on Rules and Administration; Armed Services; and Appropriations.

## EC3922 Senate Aging (Special) and other committees . . . (February 5, 2020)

A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Final Sequestration Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2020"; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans' Affairs. EC4002 Senate Aging (Special) and other committees . . . (February 24, 2020)

A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting. pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Sequestration Preview Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2021"; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans' Affairs.

## EC4003 Joint Committee on Taxation and other committees . . . (February 24, 2020)

A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting. pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Report to the Congress on the Joint Committee Reductions for Fiscal Year 2021"; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; Joint Committee on Taxation; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans' Affairs.

## EC4233 Senate Rules and Administration (March 9, 2020)

A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)" (RIN0790-AK90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 3, 2020; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

## EC4234 Senate Rules and Administration (March 9, 2020)

A communication from the Chairman, Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the memorial construction; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

### VAISAKHI AND THE 400TH BIRTH-DAY OF GURU TEG BAHADUR

Mr. TOOMEY. Mr. President, I rise today to join my Sikh friends, Pennsylvania's Sikh community, and Sikhs around the world in recognizing two important Sikh celebrations taking place this week: (the holiday of Vaisakhi and the 400th anniversary of the birth of Guru Teg Bahadur.

Sikhism traces its origins to the Punjab region of India and has flour-ished around the world for nearly 600 years. The Sikh tradition is built upon ideals of peace, respect, and equality. Further, Sikhs are dedicated to the principle that every person is created equal before God, no matter their race, gender, religion, or creed. Today, Sikhs number 30 million globally, making

Sikhism one of the world's major religions. Nearly 700,000 Sikhs live in the United States, and many of them have made Pennsylvania their home.

Sikhs share a strong sense of community, family, and selfless service, as evidenced by their commitment to welcoming and serving individuals from all religious, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Sikh communities across the country, including in Pennsylvania, mobilized to deliver meals, groceries, masks, and other supplies to tens of thousands of families in need. In my own travels across the Commonwealth. I have witnessed firsthand the spirit of this community when meeting with Sikh constituents. It is clear they have enriched their neighborhoods and contributed in numerous ways to the growth and vitality of Pennsylvania and the United States.

As a proud member of the American Sikh Congressional Caucus, each year, I join many voices across Congress and the United States in commemorating the holiday of Vaisakhi, which took place on April 13 this year. Vaisakhi marks the spring harvest and serves as a day of reflection of Sikhism's origins. During Vaisakhi, Sikhs commemorate the founding in 1699 of the Khalsa Panth, an order of devout Sikhs who played a fundamental role in cultivating the religion's history and identity

Traditionally, Sikhs Vaisakhi with parades, dancing, singing, and other festivities. Sikhs also commemorate this special day with community service, both organizing and volunteering in various community projects. In years past, Sikhs from around the country have organized a parade here in Washington, DC to commemorate Vaisakhi as National Sikh Day. While the pandemic has prevented such largescale, public celebrations both last year and this year, I look forward to welcoming Pennsylvania's Sikh community back to D.C. in the years to come.

In addition to celebrating Vaisakhi, Sikhs will also mark the 400th anniversary of the birth of spiritual leader Guru Teg Bahadur on April 18. The Ninth Guru of Sikhism, Guru Teg Bahadur is remembered as a champion of religious liberty for all. In 1675, Guru Teg Bahadur confronted Moghul Emperor Aurangzeb against the forced religious conversation of Hindus, an act for which he was publicly beheaded in Delhi. In giving his life to protect a religion that was not his own, he is fondly remembered by Sikhs as Dhram Di Chadar, or Shield of the Religions.

I extend my best wishes to the Sikh community for the joyous celebrations of Vaisakhi and the 400th anniversary of the birth of Guru Teg Bahadur.

### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to